

House Resolution 506

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th, Oliver of the 83rd, Ashe of the 56th, Gardner of the 57th, and Drenner of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Carolyn Hanna Wetzel; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mrs. Carolyn Hanna Wetzel on February 15, 2009, when she lost her
4 five-month battle with lung cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, an only child who grew up in rural South Georgia, Mrs. Wetzel graduated from
6 Quincy High School and earned a bachelor's degree in nutrition from Florida State
7 University; and

8 WHEREAS, after graduating from Florida State, Mrs. Wetzel spent two years in the United
9 States Army as a dietitian and met Air Force Lieutenant Ray Wetzel on a blind date, and after
10 just a two-month courtship, they were united in love and marriage and moved to
11 Wethersfield Air Force Base in England; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Wetzel's career in the service took the couple from England to Colorado,
13 Hawaii, and back to Georgia, and along the way they were blessed with two remarkable and
14 loving children, John and Sarah; and

15 WHEREAS, after returning to school to earn her master's degree in nutrition, Mrs. Wetzel
16 began her career in public health, earning the reputation as one of the most effective
17 advocates for women's and children's health issues in Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wetzel worked for many years in the WIC program, a nutritional program
19 for poor women, infants, and children, ultimately becoming the Director of the East DeKalb
20 Health Center; and

21 WHEREAS, a caring and generous woman, Mrs. Wetzel was an active member for the board
22 of Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, an organization that has been instrumental in ensuring
23 that all of Georgia's children receive adequate health care; and

24 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
25 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,
26 she made this world a better place in which to live.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Carolyn Hanna Wetzel and
29 expressing its appreciation of her many contributions to her community and the State of
30 Georgia.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Carolyn
33 Hanna Wetzel.